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Yet gentle will the griffin be,
Most decorous and fat;
And walk up to the milky way
And lap it like a cat.

WHAT THE RATTLESNAKE SAID

The Moon's a little prairie-dog.
He shivers through the night.
He sits upon his hill and cries
For fear that I will bite.

The Sun's a broncho. He's afraid
Like every other thing,
And trembles morning, noon and night
Lest I should spring and sting.

THE RECREANT QUEENS

To be tied to a pebble and thrown through a palace window

The Moon's a mirror where dim shades
Of queens are doomed to peer,
The beauteous queens that loved not love
Or faith or godly fear.
The night-wind makes their mirror grey.
The breath of Autumn drear,
And many mists of time and change
Have clouded it apace,